

REMARKS

1. In response to Examiner's requirement of restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 16-23, for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other action as deemed necessary with respect to the non-elected groups.

2. The amendments to the claims include four new dependent claims directed to the process for preparing the catalyst composition. New claims 46 and 47 are based on page 8, lines 3-12 of the application text, as filed. New claim 48 is based on page 9, lines 10-24 of the application text, as filed. Claim 23 has been amended to delete lithium and recite "the process further comprises depositing on the support a rhenium co-promoter selected from the group consisting of one or more of sulfur, phosphorus, boron, and components comprising one or more of sulfur, phosphorus and boron." New claim 49 has been added directed to lithium as an additional catalyst component and is based on page 9, lines 25-34 of the application text, as filed.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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